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For: DATA DISTRIBUTION METHOD, DATA SEARCH)
METHOD, AND DATA SEARCH SYSTEM)

Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0131)

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

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Total Claims	6	7	XXX (Over 20)	x \$50	0
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

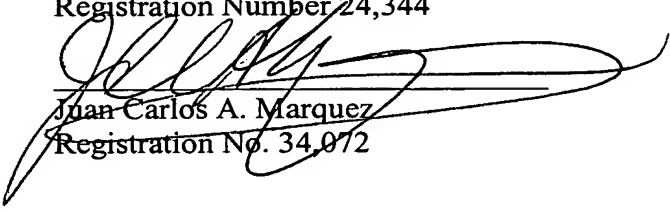
[x] Response to Office Action
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LETTER TO DRAFTSPERSON

In response to the requirements set forth in the Office Action mailed on July 10, 2006, Applicants are submitting replacement drawings for Fig. 6, in which a textural label “DB” is being added into to each database element, and a broken line is being added between element 61 and element 64, in connection with the above-captioned application.

Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned at the below-listed address and telephone number.

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